(b) whether many candidates for these tests were prevented to appear due to violence;

(c) if so, the number of such candidates and whether they would be allowed to appear in similar tests in future though over aged due to this incident and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the names of places outside Maharashtra where similar tests were held on the same day; and

(e) if such tests were not held outside Maharashtra, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Recently Railway Recruitment Board, Mumbai conducted examinations on 24.08.2008, 05.10.2008 and 19.10.2008. There were disruptions in the examination held on 19.10.2008 for the posts of Assistant Station Master -134 vacancies, Enquiry-cum-Reservation Clerk - 38 vacancies and Goods Guard - 346 vacancies.

(b) At Mumbai, there were 144 examination centers, out of which disruptions were reported in 19 centers.

(c) There is no exact information available as to how many candidates could not appear due to disruption in the examination held on 19.10.2008. The examination process of Railway Recruitment Board, Mumbai has been held in abeyance. Candidates allotted to these 19 centers will be given a chance to re-appear for the said examination.

(d) and (e) Railway Recruitment Board, Mumbai caters to the staff requirements of Central, Western, South East Central Railways and Nanded Division of South Central Railway. The jurisdiction of Railway Recruitment Boards is on the basis of administrative units of the Railways and is not based on the State boundaries. The examinations are normally held by the Railway Recruitment Board in its respective jurisdiction. As all the eligible candidates could well be accommodated in Railway Recruitment Board, Mumbai's jurisdiction, there was no need to hold the examination outside its jurisdiction.

Proposal for construction of rail bridges in Karnataka

2153. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for construction of overground/ underground rail bridges proposed by the State Government of Karnataka and local bodies in the State that are pending at present with the Railways; and

(b) the number out of them that are likely to be cleared by the Railways during 2008-09 and 2009-10?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) 32 proposals have been received from State Govt.

(b) 2 works were sanctioned during Works Programme of 2008-09. 25 proposals are being examined for inclusion in the Works Programme of 2009-10 and remaining 7 during the Works Programme of 2010-11.